

Economy Order Brings Cut in Arsenal Force

Effective July 1, which marks the start of the new fiscal year, the Joliet arsenal will reduce its force as part of an overall economy measure in line with the peacetime mission of the war department, it was announced today by Lt. Col. Ward C. Howard, commanding officer.

Col. Howard indicated that the cut will affect approximately 30 per cent of the employees, or about 250 persons. Two-thirds of those affected are serving under temporary appointments.

IN MAKING the reduction, the policy is being followed of first separating the temporary non-veteran employees, next the temporary employees with veteran status, then the permanent non-veteran employees and last the permanent veterans.

Col. Howard expressed his appreciation for the faithful services rendered by employees who are being released thru no fault of their own, and added that it was the desire of the arsenal to furnish them with every possible assistance in securing other employment. He also said that any information relative to job opportunities furnished by business or industrial organizations in the area, will be passed on to the employees to be released.